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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.



# PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

## AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1955				1956		
	Feb.	Mar.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.*	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	1388.2	1393.9	1417.2	1416.6	(c)1395.4	(c)1421.3	(c)1421.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.4	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.9	31.1	31.1
Other	128.7	128.9	131.1	131.1	131.6	130.7	130.2
State and Semi-Governmental	367.2	369.2	368.5	369.5	368.5	371.4	373.1
Local Authorities	62.9	63.7	65.1	65.2	64.5	64.5	64.9
2. Total Governmental	589.2	592.4	595.4	596.5	595.5	597.7	599.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1977.4	1986.3	2012.6	2013.1	(c)1990.9	(c)2019.0	(c)2020.5
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.1	57.9	51.9	49.8	59.9	60.1	58.4
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2037.5	2044.2	2064.5	2062.9	(c)2050.8	(c)2079.1	(c)2078.9
<b>FEMALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	613.5	616.2	631.2	634.2	628.3	632.1	633.5
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.7	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2
Other	36.7	36.8	38.4	37.5	38.1	38.8	38.6
State and Semi-Governmental	70.1	71.9	73.5	73.4	72.6	75.2	76.9
Local Authorities	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0
2. Total Governmental	119.3	121.3	124.9	124.0	123.9	127.3	128.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	732.8	737.5	756.1	758.2	752.2	759.4	762.2
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	734.9	739.6	758.1	760.2	754.2	761.4	764.1
<b>PERSONS</b>							
1. In Private Employment	2001.7	2010.1	2048.4	2050.8	(c)2023.7	(c)2053.4	(c)2054.7
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	37.1	37.4	37.8	37.8	38.1	38.3	38.3
Other	165.4	165.7	169.5	168.6	169.7	169.5	168.8
State and Semi-Governmental	437.3	441.1	442.0	442.9	441.1	446.6	450.0
Local Authorities	68.7	69.5	71.0	71.2	70.5	70.6	70.9
2. Total Governmental	708.5	713.7	720.3	720.5	719.4	725.0	728.0
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2710.2	2723.8	2768.7	2771.3	(c)2743.1	(c)2778.4	(c)2782.7
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	62.2	60.0	53.9	51.8	61.9	62.1	60.3
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2772.4	2783.8	2822.6	2823.1	(c)2805.0	(c)2840.5	(c)2843.0

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

## 1. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1316.3	1365.2	(a)1399.9	562.8	593.7	615.1	1879.1	1958.9	(a)2015.0
August	1319.4	1366.9	1401.3	565.0	594.5	616.7	1884.4	1961.4	2018.0
September	1323.6	1371.2	1405.6	569.1	598.5	620.2	1892.7	1969.7	2025.8
October	1330.4	1374.1	1406.7	574.5	602.2	623.8	1904.9	1976.3	2030.5
November	1337.9	1381.2	1417.2	582.7	610.5	631.2	1920.6	1991.7	2048.4
December	1340.9	1384.3	1416.6	590.0	615.6	634.2	1930.9	1999.9	2050.8
January	1344.2	1382.3	(a)1395.4	587.0	608.0	628.3	1931.2	1990.3	(a)2023.7
February	1348.8	1388.2	(a)*1421.3	588.3	613.5	*632.1	1937.1	2001.7	(a)*2053.4
March	1356.2	1393.9	(a)1421.2	593.7	616.2	633.5	1949.9	2010.1	(a)2054.7
April	1358.3	1395.5		593.1	614.6		1951.4	2010.1	
May	1361.9	1398.5		592.7	615.4		1954.6	2013.9	
June	1367.0	1401.4		593.0	615.7		1960.0	2017.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	566.1	582.1	(a)596.1	112.5	115.4	123.6	678.6	697.5	(a)719.7
August	566.8	582.4	(a)598.3	112.5	116.0	124.2	679.3	698.4	(a)722.5
September	566.7	581.9	597.7	112.4	116.1	123.7	679.1	698.0	721.4
October	567.4	581.1	595.2	111.8	116.5	124.0	679.2	697.6	719.2
November	568.7	583.6	595.4	111.9	117.0	124.9	680.6	700.6	720.3
December	569.9	584.7	596.5	111.3	116.3	124.0	681.2	701.0	720.5
January	568.1	585.8	595.5	110.7	116.2	123.9	678.8	702.0	719.4
February	571.6	589.2	597.7	113.0	119.3	*127.3	684.6	708.5	*725.0
March	575.1	592.4	599.3	114.2	121.3	128.7	689.3	713.7	728.0
April	577.8	595.4		114.4	121.4		692.2	716.8	
May	580.0	597.0		114.6	121.8		694.6	718.8	
June	581.4	599.1		114.5	122.8		695.9	721.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a)1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a)2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	(a)1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	(a)2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.3	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.2
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.9	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.7
November	1906.6	1964.8	2012.6	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	2768.7
December	1910.8	1969.0	2013.1	701.3	731.9	758.2	2612.1	2700.9	2771.3
January	1912.3	1968.1	(a)1990.9	697.7	724.2	752.2	2610.0	2692.3	(a)2743.1
February	1920.4	1977.4	(a)*2019.0	701.3	732.8	*759.4	2621.7	2710.2	(a)*2778.4
March	1931.3	1986.3	(a)2020.5	707.9	737.5	762.2	2639.2	2723.8	(a)2782.7
April	1936.1	1990.9		707.5	736.0		2643.6	2726.9	
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.



TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1	49.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	54.5	52.1	51.8
January	62.7	60.1	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	64.7	62.1	61.9
February	62.3	60.1	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.3	62.2	62.1
March	61.3	57.9	58.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	63.2	60.0	60.3
April	59.8	58.9		2.0	2.1		61.8	61.0	
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural Workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a)2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a)2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	(a)2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	(a)2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.4	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.4
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.9	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.7
November	1963.6	2017.3	2064.5	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	2822.6
December	1963.3	2019.1	2062.9	703.3	733.9	760.2	2666.6	2753.0	2823.1
January	1975.0	2028.5	(a)2050.8	699.7	726.2	754.2	2674.7	2754.4	(a)2805.0
February	1982.7	2037.2	(a)2079.1	703.3	734.9	*761.4	2686.0	2772.4	(a)2840.5
March	1992.6	2044.2	(a)2078.9	709.8	739.6	764.1	2702.4	2783.8	(a)2843.0
April	1995.9	2049.8		709.5	738.1		2705.4	2787.9	
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

\* Revised.

**TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1954 Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug. (e)	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.7	1,405.6	2,003.3	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.8	2,747.2	62.2
Oct.	595.2	1,406.7	2,001.9	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.5	2,749.7	62.0
Nov.	595.4	1,417.2	2,012.6	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,048.4	2,768.7	53.9
Dec.	596.5	1,416.6	2,013.1	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.5	2,050.8	2,771.3	51.8
1956 Jan. (e)	595.5	1,395.4	1,990.9	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.4	2,023.7	2,743.1	61.9
Feb. * (e)	597.7	1,421.3	2,019.0	127.3	632.1	759.4	725.0	2,053.4	2,778.4	62.1
Mar. (e)	599.3	1,421.2	2,020.5	128.7	633.5	762.2	728.0	2,054.7	2,782.7	60.3

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.



TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, March, 1956

## STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.5	1.1	45.5	14.1	55.0	15.2	133.4	26.0	26.5	2.8	214.9	44.0	258.9
Victoria	16.1	5.1	34.2	11.0	50.3	16.1	95.8	23.9	12.9	1.5	159.0	41.5	200.5
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.6	4.5	17.8	4.7	55.5	7.7	16.5	0.9	89.8	13.3	103.1
South Australia	3.3	0.6	12.3	3.0	15.6	3.6	37.4	9.2	3.1	0.3	56.1	13.1	69.2
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.3	2.1	9.0	2.2	37.6	6.3	3.7	0.3	50.3	8.8	59.1
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.1	4.3	1.2	13.4	3.8	2.2	0.2	19.9	5.2	25.1
Northern Terr.	0.1	-	2.2	0.6	2.3	0.6	-	-	-	-	2.3	0.6	2.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	-	6.9	2.2	7.0	2.2	-	-	-	-	7.0	2.2	9.2
Total, March, 1956	31.1	7.2	130.2	38.6	161.3	45.8	373.1	76.9	64.9	6.0	599.3	128.7	728.0
Total, Feb., *1956	31.1	7.2	130.7	38.8	161.8	46.0	371.4	75.2	64.5	6.1	597.7	127.3	725.0

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page. \* Revised.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	Feb., * 1956(b)	March, 1956(b)
<b>MALES</b>									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	786.7	785.8
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	563.2	564.6
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	270.5	270.8
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	183.0	183.8
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b) 126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	137.6	137.6
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.3	64.3
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.9	8.8
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2019.0	2020.5

## FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.9	301.1
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.0	234.7
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	90.9	91.3
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	63.7	63.7
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.6	44.7
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.2	22.7
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.0
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	759.4	762.2

## PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1087.6	1086.9
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	796.2	799.3
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	361.4	362.1
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	246.7	247.5
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b) 166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	182.2	182.3
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	86.5	87.0
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	12.0	11.8
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2778.4	2782.7

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

\* Revised.

## II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	Feb., 1955	Mar., 1955	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Feb.,* 1956	Mar., 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.9	26.5	26.7	26.6	27.0	26.9
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.2	10.2	10.1
Coal	28.9	28.8	27.8	27.6	26.8	26.7
Other (incl. Quarries)	11.8	11.9	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.4
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.5	57.6	57.2	57.2	56.6	56.5
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	707.1	709.7	718.5	✓ 718.9	✓ 721.8	✓ 722.4
Other (b)	61.9	62.2	62.9	63.6	63.6	63.7
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	769.0	771.9	781.4	✓ 782.5	✓ 785.4	✓ 786.1
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	89.5	90.3	92.8	95.4	97.8	100.4
Other (d)	114.1	115.9	112.7	111.7	112.9	109.2
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	203.6	206.2	205.5	207.1	210.7	209.6
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	83.6	83.9	85.5	85.5	85.9	86.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	49.9	50.9	50.9	✓ 30.3	50.2	49.6
Rail and Air Transport	107.8	108.2	107.7	107.6	108.0	108.0
Communication	63.1	63.2	64.8	65.0	64.5	64.2
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	304.4	306.2	308.9	✓ 288.4	308.6	308.2
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	59.4	59.5	59.9	60.3	61.0	61.6
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	123.1	123.9	125.8	126.4	127.4	127.8
Primary Produce Agencies	24.7	24.3	26.6	25.9	25.2	24.9
Retail Trade	129.6	129.6	135.6	131.4	130.2	130.5
<u>Total Commerce</u>	277.4	277.8	288.0	283.7	282.8	283.2
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	98.5	98.6	100.1	100.3	100.1	100.0
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.1	20.2	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.0	25.9	26.5	26.6	27.1	26.8
Education	37.3	38.3	39.2	38.0	39.2	40.7
Other Professional	12.7	13.0	13.5	13.8	14.2	14.3
Entertainment, Sport	18.2	18.3	18.1	18.3	18.2	18.7
Personal Service (e)	55.0	54.9	56.3	56.2	56.1	55.8
<u>Total Other</u>	180.7	182.0	185.4	184.8	186.8	188.4
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1977.4	1986.3	2013.1	✓ 1990.9	✓ 2019.0	✓ 2020.5
<b>FEMALES</b>						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	226.8	228.0	227.6	226.7	231.7	230.8
Other (b)	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	234.0	235.2	235.0	234.1	239.2	238.3
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6
Communication	18.5	18.6	19.0	19.3	19.5	19.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	38.0	38.1	39.1	39.5	39.9	40.0

✓ Affected by industrial disputes.  
 \* Revised.

For notes see page 9.



TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Feb., 1955	Mar., 1955	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Feb.,* 1956	Mar., 1956
FEMALES (continued)						
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	37.4	37.8	38.8	40.0	41.2	41.8
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	39.3	39.5	40.5	40.5	41.0	41.4
Primary Produce Agencies	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.8
Retail Trade	119.5	119.6	132.3	125.9	123.3	123.2
Total Commerce	164.4	164.8	178.6	172.1	170.2	170.4
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	28.2	28.2	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7
Other -						
Law and Order	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	71.7	72.2	74.7	74.9	75.1	76.1
Education	46.1	47.7	48.4	46.7	49.0	50.5
Other Professional	9.8	9.8	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3
Entertainment, Sport	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.0
Personal Service (e)	70.2	70.4	71.2	72.1	71.8	72.0
Total Other	224.8	227.3	232.0	231.8	234.0	236.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>732.8</b>	<b>737.5</b>	<b>758.2</b>	<b>752.2</b>	<b>759.4</b>	<b>762.2</b>
PERSONS						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	27.1	26.7	26.9	26.8	27.2	27.1
Mining -						
Gold	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.4
Coal	29.1	29.0	28.0	27.8	27.0	26.9
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.2	12.3	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.9
Total Mining and Quarrying	58.5	58.7	58.3	58.3	57.7	57.6
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	933.9	937.7	946.1	945.6	953.5	953.2
Other (b)	69.1	69.4	70.3	71.0	71.1	71.2
Total Manufacturing	1003.0	1007.1	1016.4	1016.6	1024.6	1024.4
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	92.2	93.0	95.6	98.2	100.6	103.2
Other (d)	116.2	118.0	114.8	113.8	115.1	111.4
Total Building and Construction	208.4	211.0	210.4	212.0	215.7	214.6
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	92.4	92.7	94.7	94.7	95.3	95.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	52.3	53.3	53.4	53.8	52.6	52.1
Rail and Air Transport	116.1	116.5	116.1	116.1	116.6	116.6
Communication	81.6	81.8	83.8	84.3	84.0	83.7
Total Transport, etc.	342.4	344.3	348.0	347.9	348.5	348.2
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	96.8	97.3	98.7	100.3	102.2	103.4
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	162.4	163.4	166.3	166.9	168.4	169.2
Primary Produce Agencies	30.3	30.0	32.4	31.6	31.1	30.7
Retail Trade	249.1	249.2	267.9	257.3	253.5	253.7
Total Commerce	441.8	442.6	466.6	455.8	453.0	453.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	126.7	126.8	128.6	128.8	128.7	128.7
Other -						
Law and Order	29.4	29.6	30.0	30.2	30.3	30.5
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	97.7	98.1	101.2	101.5	102.2	102.9
Education	83.4	86.0	87.6	84.7	88.2	91.2
Other Professional	22.5	22.8	23.6	24.0	24.5	24.6
Entertainment, Sport	26.9	27.1	27.1	27.5	27.3	27.7
Personal Service (e)	125.2	125.3	127.5	128.3	127.9	127.8
Total Other	405.5	409.3	417.4	416.6	420.8	425.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2710.2</b>	<b>2723.8</b>	<b>2771.3</b>	<b>2743.1</b>	<b>2778.4</b>	<b>2782.7</b>

/ Affected by industrial disputes.  
 \* Revised.

For notes see page 9.



TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - March, 1956

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
<b>MALES</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.3	6.0	6.0	1.8	2.4	2.2	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	28.9	4.8	9.7	1.7	7.8	3.0	56.5
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	294.9	228.4	72.0	71.5	35.6	20.0	722.4
Other (b)	27.3	18.8	10.6	2.5	2.6	0.6	63.7
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	322.2	247.2	82.6	74.0	38.2	20.6	786.1
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.2	52.6	34.8	20.4	15.4	9.0	209.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	16.7	11.0	8.7	5.7	5.0	2.3	49.6
Rail and Air Transport	39.3	21.8	22.9	9.9	11.1	2.6	108.0
Other Transport and Communication	60.6	38.8	24.0	12.8	9.2	4.4	150.6
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	23.9	18.5	8.4	5.2	3.9	1.5	61.6
Retail Trade	51.1	37.7	15.6	12.4	9.7	3.7	130.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.5	43.7	21.8	15.4	15.2	4.7	152.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.6	28.4	11.7	8.0	7.5	3.8	100.0
Other Industries (g)	72.5	54.1	24.6	16.5	12.2	6.5	188.4
<b>TOTAL MALES:</b>	785.8	564.6	270.8	183.8	137.6	64.3	2020.5
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.6	91.2	14.0	17.1	6.1	4.8	230.8
Other (b)	1.1	2.4	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.5
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	98.7	93.6	16.9	17.2	7.0	4.8	238.3
Rail and Air Transport	4.0	2.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.5	4.6	2.7	1.5	1.3	31.4
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	18.6	11.7	4.8	3.4	2.3	1.0	41.8
Retail Trade	46.1	33.5	15.9	12.9	10.1	4.3	123.2
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.8	12.7	7.8	4.2	3.6	1.1	47.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.1	7.0	4.4	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.7
Other Industries (g)	93.1	64.7	35.6	20.9	17.8	9.1	243.0
<b>TOTAL FEMALES:</b>	301.1	234.7	91.3	63.7	44.7	22.7	762.2
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.4	6.1	6.0	1.8	2.4	2.2	27.1
Mining and Quarrying	29.2	4.9	10.0	1.8	8.0	3.1	57.6
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	953.2
Other (b)	28.4	21.2	13.5	2.6	3.5	0.6	71.2
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	420.9	340.8	99.5	91.2	45.2	25.4	1024.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	76.4	53.9	35.4	20.9	15.6	9.1	214.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.8	11.6	9.0	5.9	5.2	2.4	52.1
Rail and Air Transport	43.3	23.8	24.2	10.6	11.5	2.7	116.6
Other Transport and Communication	71.2	47.7	28.3	15.3	10.5	5.6	179.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	42.5	30.2	13.2	8.6	6.2	2.5	103.4
Retail Trade	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	253.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.3	56.4	29.6	19.6	18.8	5.8	199.9
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.7	35.4	16.1	9.7	9.5	4.8	128.7
Other Industries (g)	163.0	117.3	59.3	36.8	29.6	15.4	425.1
<b>TOTAL PERSONS:</b>	1086.9	799.3	362.1	247.5	182.3	87.0	2782.7

⌘ Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 9.

## NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

## III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 : January	367,945	117,016	484,961	..	..	..
February	372,085	119,410	491,495	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
March	373,164	119,059	492,223	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	373,064	116,257	489,321	-	- 2.4	- 0.6
May	373,791	115,647	489,438	+ 0.2	- 0.5	-
June	376,399	116,065	492,464	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
July	377,061	115,364	492,425	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,577	115,765	493,342	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,632	117,023	495,655	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,700	117,443	497,143	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,362	117,240	497,602	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	378,936	118,148	497,084	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 : January (a)	374,560	116,116	490,676	- 1.2	- 1.7	- 1.3
February	*376,943	120,181	*497,124	+ 0.6	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	*376,551	*119,854	*496,405	- 0.1	*- 0.3	- 0.1
April	377,184	117,450	494,634	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.4

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Feb., 1956 - Mar., 1956	Mar., 1956 - Apr., 1956
	March	April	Feb.	March	April		

MALES

New South Wales	148,635	148,280	(a)*151,445	(a)*150,837	151,537	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Victoria	112,130	111,760	114,029	*113,983	113,544	-	- 0.4
Queensland	38,613	39,222	37,651	38,084	38,967	+ 1.2	+ 2.3
South Australia	43,078	42,906	42,704	42,782	42,392	+ 0.2	- 0.9
West Australia	18,446	18,490	18,483	18,222	17,979	- 1.4	- 1.3
Tasmania	12,262	12,406	12,631	12,643	12,765	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
TOTAL	373,164	373,064	*376,943	(a)*376,551	377,184	- 0.1	+ 0.2

FEMALES

New South Wales	46,480	45,832	47,273	46,596	46,032	- 1.4	- 1.2
Victoria	46,640	44,734	46,745	*47,141	45,477	*+ 0.8	- 3.5
Queensland	8,683	8,579	8,568	8,548	8,440	- 0.2	- 1.3
South Australia	9,483	9,126	9,686	9,555	9,267	- 1.4	- 3.0
West Australia	3,891	3,894	3,699	3,672	3,636	- 0.7	- 1.0
Tasmania	3,882	4,092	4,210	4,342	4,598	+ 3.1	+ 5.9
TOTAL	119,059	116,257	120,181	*119,854	117,450	*- 0.3	- 2.0

PERSONS

New South Wales	195,115	194,112	(a)*198,718	(a)*197,433	197,569	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Victoria	158,770	156,494	160,774	*161,124	159,021	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Queensland	47,296	47,801	46,219	46,632	47,407	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
South Australia	52,561	52,032	52,390	52,337	51,659	- 0.1	- 1.3
West Australia	22,337	22,384	22,182	21,894	21,615	- 1.3	- 1.3
Tasmania	16,144	16,498	16,841	16,985	17,363	+ 0.9	+ 2.2
TOTAL	492,223	489,321	*497,124	(a)*496,405	494,634	- 0.1	- 0.4

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.



TABLE 13. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	318,067	99,190	417,257	..	..	..
February	319,937	99,631	419,568	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
March	321,481	99,897	421,378	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
April	321,951	99,722	421,673	+ 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
May	322,171	99,627	421,798	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
June	323,269	100,169	423,438	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
July	323,558	100,156	423,714	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.1
August	323,668	100,442	424,110	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	323,973	101,497	425,470	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,858	101,676	425,534	-	+ 0.2	-
November	324,680	101,602	426,282	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	324,955	101,114	426,069	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January (a)	325,510	99,268	424,778	+ 0.2	- 1.8	- 0.3
February	*325,368	100,524	*425,892	* -	+ 1.3	*+ 0.3
March	325,524	*100,976	*426,500	* -	*+ 0.4	*+ 0.1
April	326,160	100,591	426,751	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.1

(a) Affected by industrial dispute. \* Revised.

TABLE 14. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Feb. 1956-	Mar. 1956-
	Mar.	Apr.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar., 1956	Apr., 1956
<b>MALES</b>							
New South Wales	134,584	134,363	(a)*36,842	*136,809	137,580	-	+ 0.6
Victoria	96,996	97,334	98,859	* 98,969	99,425	*+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Queensland	25,301	25,667	25,582	25,547	25,452	- 0.1	- 0.4
South Australia	38,464	38,347	37,888	38,013	37,686	+ 0.3	- 0.9
West Australia	16,025	16,109	15,954	15,806	15,602	- 0.9	- 1.3
Tasmania	10,111	10,131	10,243	10,380	10,415	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
TOTAL	321,481	321,951	*325,368	325,524	326,160	* -	+ 0.2

**FEMALES**

New South Wales	39,965	39,898	40,340	40,376	40,164	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Victoria	39,626	39,579	39,824	*40,163	40,037	*+ 0.9	- 0.3
Queensland	6,891	6,855	6,848	6,927	6,945	+ 1.2	+ 0.3
South Australia	7,697	7,618	7,684	7,693	7,588	+ 0.1	- 1.4
West Australia	3,027	3,005	2,812	2,803	2,777	- 0.3	- 0.9
Tasmania	2,691	2,767	3,016	3,014	3,080	-	+ 2.2
TOTAL	99,897	99,722	100,524	*100,976	100,591	*+ 0.4	- 0.4

**PERSONS**

New South Wales	174,549	174,261	(a)*177,182	*177,185	177,744	-	+ 0.3
Victoria	136,622	136,913	138,683	*139,132	139,462	*+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Queensland	32,192	32,522	32,430	32,474	32,397	+ 0.1	- 0.2
South Australia	46,161	45,965	45,572	45,706	45,274	+ 0.3	- 0.9
West Australia	19,052	19,114	18,766	18,609	18,379	- 0.8	- 1.2
Tasmania	12,802	12,898	13,259	13,394	13,495	+ 1.0	+ 0.8
TOTAL	421,378	421,673	*425,892	*426,500	426,751	*+ 0.1	+ 0.1

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	April, 1955	Feb., 1956	Mar., 1956	April, 1956	Feb., 1956- Mar., 1956	Mar., 1956- Apr., 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	33,842	34,536	34,099	34,230	- 1.3	+ 0.4
2. Basic Metals	37,480	(a) 37,514	37,371	38,389	- 0.4	+ 2.7
3. Transportation Equipment	59,354	*61,569	62,037	61,334	*+ 0.8	- 1.1
4. Other Metal Manufactures	84,795	84,590	84,489	84,561	- 0.1	+ 0.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,088	18,520	18,605	18,669	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
6. Clothing and Textiles	33,008	32,600	32,584	32,668	-	+ 0.3
7. Food	48,838	49,187	*48,764	48,674	- 0.9	- 0.2
8. All Other	45,253	45,796	45,959	45,894	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Total - All Groups	360,658	*364,312	*363,908	364,419	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Total - Excluding Food	311,820	*315,125	315,144	315,745	-	+ 0.2

## FEMALES

1. Building Materials	2,865	3,060	3,062	3,052	-	- 0.3
2. Basic Metals	2,007	2,009	1,998	1,994	- 0.5	- 0.2
3. Transportation Equipment	5,305	5,594	*5,719	5,666	*+ 2.2	- 0.9
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,469	18,005	17,900	17,707	- 0.6	- 1.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,208	4,286	4,279	4,283	- 0.2	-
6. Clothing and Textiles	52,594	51,726	52,084	52,073	+ 0.7	-
7. Food	15,210	18,463	17,550	15,341	- 4.9	-12.6
8. All Other	12,507	12,828	12,920	12,736	+ 0.7	- 1.4
Total - All Groups	112,165	115,971	*115,512	112,852	*- 0.4	- 2.3
Total - Excluding Food	96,955	97,508	*97,962	97,511	*+ 0.5	- 0.5

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

## IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)

Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 - Sept. Quarter	2,445	2,479
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. "	2,436	2,477
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1954 - March Quarter	2,491	2,552
1948-49	1,322	1,365	June "	2,477	2,534
1949-50	1,451	1,505	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1950-51	1,742	1,810	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1951-52	2,145	2,213	1955 - March Quarter	2,589	2,705
1952-53	2,350	2,394	June "	2,652	2,730
1953-54	2,462	2,511	Sept. "	2,689	2,767
1954-55	2,572	2,658	Dec. "	2,731	(c)

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Not yet available.

**NOTE:-** The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

## V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 17 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1955) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

## Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N. S. W. (b)	VIC.	Q' LD.	S. A. (c)	W. A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1954 April	3,445	1,229	3,252	77	239	78	6,549	1,771	8,320
May	3,014	1,161	1,986	79	225	107	4,891	1,681	6,572
June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
July	2,630	1,135	1,166	99	198	135	3,790	1,573	5,363
August	2,229	957	1,081	83	145	147	3,271	1,371	4,642
September	1,826	757	918	80	162	143	2,694	1,192	3,886
October	1,339	602	802	55	95	114	2,061	946	3,007
November	1,270	501	916	61	114	113	1,978	997	2,975
December	1,182	480	1,228	64	136	73	2,184	979	3,163
1955 January	1,252	437	2,165	67	144	52	3,190	927	4,117
February	1,135	363	2,371	57	147	46	3,173	946	4,119
March	1,242	286	2,347	45	131	35	3,143	943	4,086
April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794
June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742
February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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